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In the Specification:

On page 1, after the title and before "BACKGROUND" please add the following:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/694,943, filed on October 24, 2000, herein incorporated by reference.

On page 5, lines 14-16, please add the term "unit" after the phrase "the packet receiving" as follows:

If the retransmitted missed frame is not received by the packet receiving unit before the first timer expires, the packet receiving unit retransmits the TER a predetermined number of times.

On page 6, lines ^{2 and 3}~~3 and 4~~, please replace the term "LTC" with the phrase "layer tunneling channel (LTC)" as follows:

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If the packet sending unit receives the RR message, it closes the layer tunneling channel ~~(LTC)~~LTC.